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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: KE, TZ, US

SUBJECT: KENYA-TANZANIA RELATIONS: POSSIBLE U.S. ROLE

REF: NAIROBI 6945

1. REFTEL REPORT OF EFFECTIVE TERMINATION BY GOK OF  
SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE BETWEEN NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM IS  
LATEST STEP IN PROGRESSIVE DETERIORATION OF BILATERAL  
RELATIONS BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA. THIS DETERIORATION  
IS OF CONCERN TO USG DUE TO OUR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS  
WITH BOTH COUNTRIES AND OUR INTEREST IN OVERALL REGIONAL  
STABILITY AND COOPERATION. HISTORY OF CURRENT DISPUTE  
SUGGESTS THAT NEITHER SIDE IS PAYING SERIOUS ATTENTION  
TO POSSIBLE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF SPECIFIC STEPS  
BEING TAKEN. WHILE WE ARE NOT DRAWING CONCLUSION THAT  
PRESENT TRENDS LIKELY TO LEAD TO IMMINENT VIOLENT  
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CONFRONTATION, WE DO BELIEVE THAT STRENUOUS EFFORTS ARE  
WARRANTED TO DIVERT BOTH GOVERNMENTS FROM PRESENT UN-  
PROMISING COURSE VIS-A-VIS THE OTHER.

2. WE ARE SPECIFICALLY CONSIDERING MERITS OF MORE DIRECT  
U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ATTEMPTS TO DEFUSE STRAINS IN KENYA-  
TANZANIA RELATIONS. WE ARE AWARE OF FAILURE TO DATE OF

VARIOUS TENTATIVE MEDIATION EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, AND OF POSSIBLE PITFALLS TO SIMILAR U.S. EFFORT. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER AT LEAST MAKING APPROACHES IN BOTH CAPITALS EXPRESSING OUR INTEREST AND CONCERN AS FRIEND OF BOTH PARTIES AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN COMMUNICATIONS PROCESS IF THIS DESIRED BY THEM.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF MORE ACTIVE U.S. ROLE IN THIS SITUATION.  
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